

MARINE INFORMATION**NEW EDITION OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS**

Pub. 117, 2002 Edition, Radio Navigational Aids, is ready for issue.

In addition to the hardcopy version of this publication, NIMA is also including a digital version available with the publication in CD-ROM as well as being accessible via the NIMA Maritime Safety website at <http://pollux.nss.nima.mil/>. The digital dataset contains more robust and expansive features than available in the printed version.

The digital version of the publication will be updated using the binary patch executable called "Publication Data Update (PDU)". PDU patches will be hosted on the NIMA Maritime Safety website along with instructions on how to properly download and apply the updates to the base data. PDU is cumulative, ensuring that customers will not miss any changes.

In the interval between new editions, corrective information affecting the hardcopy version of this publication will be published in the Notice to Mariners and must be applied in order to keep this publication current.

This edition contains new and updated information on the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), including the operating Coast Stations of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) GMDSS Master Plan and contains information available to the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) up to 5 October 2002, including Notice to Mariners No. 40 of 2002.

The IMO Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue has concurred with the opinion of the International Hydrographic Office that Maritime Safety Information communications and related information contained in the GMDSS Master Plan and in the GMDSS Handbook is most appropriately provided to ships in the official **LISTS OF RADIO SIGNALS** (Pub. 117, Radio Navigational Aids in the U.S.) published by National Hydrographic Offices or Telecommunications Authorities and kept up to date on a routine basis by Notice to Mariners, and agreed that these publications should be accepted for carriage to meet the requirements of SOLAS Regulation V/20.

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NEW EDITION OF SAILING DIRECTIONS

Pub. 173, Sailing Directions (Enroute) India and the Bay of Bengal, Seventh Edition, 2002, is ready for issue. This publication has been corrected to 28 September 2002, including Notice to Mariners No. 39 of 2002.

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